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1. Randy Waldron, The Golf Club of Georgia, Atlanta, Ga. — 70-70-140
2. Doug Kozawa, Stephen F. Austin CC, San Antonio, Texas — 71-76-147
4. Roger Mill, Boca Raton Golf Club, Austin, Texas — 73-74-147
5. Michael Wilson, Cincinatti Country Club, Cincinnati, Ohio — 70-81-151
7. Darylre, Taconic Country Club, Amherst, Mass. — 70-81-151
8. Al Pendel, Deerfield Golf Club, Deerfield, Ill. — 75-75-150
9. Jim Dusch, Atlanta National Golf Club, Atlanta, Ga. — 70-80-150

Chapter Team Competition

First Flight (7-12 handicap)

1. John Gallagher III, Racebrook CC, Orange, N.J. — 71-70-141
2. John Spodnick, Westfield CC, Westfield Center, Ohio — 72-79-151
3. Matthew Lincott, Circle C GC, Austin, Tex. — 71-80-151

Second Flight (12-18 handicap)

1. Robert Alonzi, Winged Foot CC, Mamaroneck, N.Y. — 70-72-142
2. Andy Denmark, Glen Oak CC, Glen Ellyn, Ill. — 71-81-152
3. Jerry Downey, Westfield CC, Westfield Center, Ohio — 71-81-152

Third Flight (19-24 handicap)

1. Robert Alonzi, Winged Foot CC, Mamaroneck, N.Y. — 70-72-142
2. Peter Wilson, Seattle (Wash.) GC, Port Angeles, Wash. — 71-81-152

Senior I Flight (50-56)

1. Robert Alonzi, Dennis Flynn, Tim Powell
2. Ed Stocke, Santa Rosa GC, Santa Rosa, Calif. — 70-72-142
3. Kerry Ortmeyer, Blacklick Woods GC, Westerville, Ohio — 71-81-152

Senior II Flight (57-64)

1. Frank Lamphier, Aberdeen Valley CC, Westen, Colo. — 70-72-142
2. Ed Strock, Santa Rosa G&CC, Calif. — 71-81-152

Super Senior Flight (65+)

1. James Davis, Hydro-Scape, San Diego, Calif. — 71-72-143
2. Joe Aloni, Westchester CC, Rye, N.Y. — 71-72-143

Affiliate Flight

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Friend takes top prize home

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weather which lashed the first-day field with sleet and rain and threatened cancellation. However, storm conditions vanished, course superintendents restored their tracks to excellent shape, and the tournament received the go-ahead.

null opened with a one-over-par 72 despite a bogey-bogey finish on the "devilish" par three 17th and the difficult windup par-4 18th. He began the final day with a birdie to pull even with the card, but soon after ran into trouble.

He found water on two holes for a double bogey and bogey.

Playing partner Friend, meanwhile, was rock steady. He hit 16 greens in regulation while he didn't make any big putts, he didn't miss a couple of par-testers.

Friend's previous tourney high-light was gaining the final round of 16 in the 1991 U.S. Publinx championship.

Friend, a pro for eight years, had been pro-superintendent at Mill Porter Country Club in Pawatan, Va., before deciding to go the strictly superintendent route. He was assistant pro at Heritage Country Club in Manakin-Sabot, Va., from 1985-95.

His handicap has ranged from 2 to 4. He was a bit surprised at his title triumph because his playing time had been limited last summer. A tornado last August had devastated trees on his course.

Friend succeeds Dick Stuntz, Alvamar Country Club, Lawrence, Kans.